Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554



In the Matter of)	
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Price Cap Performance Review)	CC Docket No. 94-
for Local Exchange Carriers)	
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MAY, 2 6 1994 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee (the Committee) hereby seeks an extension of time in the above-captioned proceeding to extend the date for all reply comments by an additional two weeks from June 22 to July 6.½ For the reasons set forth below, good cause exists to grant the Committee's motion.

This proceeding was initiated for the purpose of conducting the first fourth year review of the Commission's price-cap plan for local exchange carriers (LECs) that took effect three years ago, on January 1, 1991.²/ Comments were due on May 9, 1994 and reply comments are due thirty (30) days thereafter, on June 8, 1994. The volume, breadth, and complexity of the comments received on May 9 is extensive. Commenters represent a diverse range of interests and, in response to the Commission's request

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On May 24, 1994, the Commission released its Order granting United States Telephone Association's ("USTA's") motion for extension of time from June 8, 1994 to June 22, 1994. This motion seeks an additional two weeks' extension from June 22, 1994 to July 6, 1994.

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for data on a wide variety of issues, the data to be reviewed is voluminous. Moreover, such data requires examination by consultants, additional data gathering, and time to synthesize and coherently integrate the data into reply comments covering all the issues raised.

Although USTA requested a two week extension from the original June 8 deadline, the bulk of the data to be assimilated by reply commenters is data produced by the LECs, including USTA. Of the thirty-nine (39) comments received, the lengthiest comments were submitted by USTA, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, US West, BellSouth, GTE, NYNEX, and MCI. (MCI is the only non-LEC party among this group.) In this proceeding, there is a wide gulf between the LECs' position and the position of most others. Although LEC reply commenters (like USTA) are not compelled to critically analyze the lengthy submissions of the other LECs for purposes of submitting reply comments, $\frac{3}{2}$ all other reply commenters have a compelling interest in contending with and closely examining the voluminous portion of the record attributed to the LECs. Thus, the Committee, like other non-LEC reply commenters, will need more than the two week extension granted pursuant to USTA's motion.

The Commission will have ample time to consider the record by December 31, 1994, the end of the fourth year following the

This is because the LECs have a common interest and, presumably, any analysis of the data produced by other LECs will be a rehash of arguments made in a LEC's initial comments.

date the price cap plan for LECs took effect, if an additional two week extension is granted. Further, the extension of time will allow reply commenters to provide the Commission with a meaningful analysis on the full range of issues presented in this price-cap plan review.

By giving the reply commenters time to closely examine the various sets of data and provide analysis of the initial data that the reply commenters cannot provide if the record is closed before July 6, the Commission's review process is likely to be fostered. Granting the requested extension will enable the Commission to have greater confidence in relying on the record and the time required for its own analysis may thereby be shortened.

Given the significance of the price caps review to the future of competition in the local exchange and exchange markets, the Committee believes that the Commission should afford reply commenters additional time to allow for as complete and meaningful an analysis of the parties' comments and studies as possible. An extension of an additional two weeks' time balances the need of the reply commenters to produce meaningful comments with the Commission's interest in reviewing a well-developed record with sufficient time to complete this fourth year price caps review.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee respectfully requests that the Commission act expeditiously and extend the date for reply comments to July 6, 1994.

Respectfully submitted,

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